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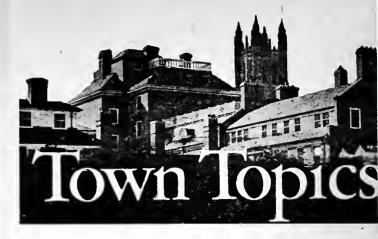
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Now approaching his 60th birthday, Cooper, consultant on air transport to the Library of Congress and recently named consultant to President Truman's Air Policy Board, had made his mark as a lawyer long before he turned his attention to "third-dimensional law." During World War I he commanded the Navy's Transatlantic Control Radio Station in Washington and that initial contact with airspace was the spark for a career devoted to the study of the comparatively new body of law under which every sovereign nation has complete control of the airspace over its territory.

The publication this summer of Cooper's first full-length book, "The Right to Fly," culminated more than a quarter of a century of experience in helping mould air-law. He played a major role in Pan-American's expansion over the Atlantic and Pacific, chairmanned the American delegation at the Rome Conference on Aerial Law in 1933, was an official observer at the Inter-American Air Conference at Lima in 1937 and in 1944, on leave of absence from Pan-Am, advised the United States delegation at the Chicago International Conference.

Cooper, the son and grandson of Florida attornies, headed "The Lit" and wrote lyrics for the Triangle Club while earning Phi Beta Kappa laurels as a member of Princeton's Class of 1909. Without benefit of law school he prepared himself for his bar examinations and two decades later was president of the Florida State Bar Association. His ability to give unstintingly of himself is reflected in the fact that he now serves an even dozen organizations and foundations, including the Borough Housing Authority, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

For looking to the future and urging American statesmen to remember that air power is indivisible, used at times for civil air transport and at times for military striking force; for producing the kind of book which prompted Gill Robb Wilson, of the N.Y. Herald Tribune, to write: "Of the hundreds of books I have read on aviation, "The Right to Fly" may well do more to guard the nation and preserve the peace than any other;" he is Town Topics' candidate for

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#### Topics of the Town (a)

Violent Living. For what the writers of deep, rich prose have long called "a sleepy college town on the shores of languid Lake Carnegie," Princeton has within the past month had its share of violence. Hospital authorities, in charge of an institution which serves a sizeable area and to which borough, township and State police bring all emergency cases, have eause to remember this August for some time to come.

Still under their care is Daniel Powell of 9 Jackson Street, whose body was literally laid open from head to foot in a savage knife battle. Transfusion after transfusion has brought him along, while Jethroe Sexton of 361/2 Witherspoon Street is held without bail as his assailant. The latter is probably the only man who ever drove himself to the hospital with a cut in his neck from ear to ear.

Knives, easy to obtain, easy to hide, are the popular weapon for those who believe in being armed, despite the fact that possession of one with a four-inch blade will draw a serious complaint in police court. Both sexes frequently carry them: on Witherspoon Street last week, a woman resented a man's attentions, emphasized her feelings by sticking a knife between his shoulder blades. Another victim in a recent case came to the hospital with a knife still in his stomach.

Migrant potato pickers in the Hightstown area, who flock here from the Carolinas and Georgia each Summer, are perennial problems. Last week State police cocked one eye at the weather and prepared for trouble.

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## Sports in Short

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When the 63 Tiger hopefuls (20 of them from New Jersey) start their exhausting series of "daily doubles" on Tuesday, there will be a spread of seven hours between the close of the morning session and the start of the "PM workout," inasmuch as the second practice of the day has been booked from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. No longer will the Orange and Black drip through humid, sun-drenched afternoons!

In sidestepping Princeton's infamous September heat, Caldwell and his staff have announced to their squad a daily schedule running as follows: 9:00-11:00 A.M., morning practice; 11:30 A.M., dinner (big meal); 4:30 P.M., supper; 5:30 P.M., specialists report; 6:00-8:00 P.M., practice; 8:30 P.M., sandwiches and milk; 8:45-9:45 P.M., daily meeting, stressing football movies; 10:00 P.M., bed.

Play-Offs Progress. The baseball season, hard & soft, is reaching a climax in Princeton. Good thing, too, for twilight games after mid-August are something of a problem, as it's far too dark by 7:30 these days to hit—or even duck away from—a fast pitch.

The semi-finals in the Community Softball Leagues have been in proress this week. On Goldie and the Country Day School fields, the "A" and "B" circuits have been battling away for the right to enter the championship series that will start Tuesday.

These games will be played on a best out of five basis. They will be held on Goldie Field Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with additional encounters set for Friday and the following Monday if necessary. Starting time is 6 o'clock. The champions in the "A" League will receive the Town Topics trophy.

In the Twin-M circuit, Princeton's entry began its drive for the 1947 title by topping Livingston Park Monday

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#### TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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most of their forms, troopers at the Penns Neck barracks are still sick at heart over the three-year old child whose father drunkenly broke a whisky bottle over its head.

Saturday was a night of trouble and sorrow in Princeton, too. At 12 Leigh Avenue, James L. Dugger, 60-year old gardener employed at the Stockton Street estate of A. N. Spanel, and his 19-year old son, Edward, were having a drink or two.

Police report that an argument broke out and grew in violence between the men. Few minutes later, young Edward, a veteran of 16 months' service in the Navy, telephoned the police to tell them "there's been some trouble here and you better come around."

When Patrolman James Campbell arrived, the elder Dugger was on the floor with an eight-inch knife wound from a blade that had gone in his back, reached his heart. His son, one of six children, is in Mercer County jail awaiting presentation of his case to the grand jury. The charge is murder.

Cigarette Tax Proposed. New Jersey residents learned last weekend of a campaign to raise a \$75,000,000 bond issue, the funds to be used in a program to improve institutional and educational buildings throughout the State. The bonds would be retired over a ten-year period by taxing each package of cigarettes two cents.

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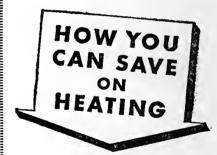
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# Calendar of the Week

#### Sunday, August 31st

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. J. Christy Wilson; Union Service for First and Second Churches; First Church. Sermon, the Rev. Victor B. Stanley Jr.;

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Sermon, the .Rev. Charles Marker, of Pearson Memorial Methodist Church,

White Horse; Methodist Church. Sermon, the Rev. Milton J. Nauss, Lutheran Service; Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Friends Service of Worship; Murray-Dodge Hall, University Campus.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

#### Monday, September 1st Labor Day

#### Tuesday, September 2d

Borough Offices resume 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily schedule.

#### Wednesday, September 3d

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Registration at all Public Schools for students entering school for first time.

8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

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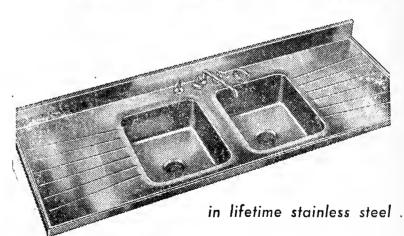
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#### News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Brute Force (Fri., Sat.) is rough, tough drama with a prison setting in which human lives are blown out like matches. Burt Lancaster and Charles Bickford in a heavy story of unrelieved cruelty.

Something in the Wind (Sun. thru Wed.) allows Deanna Durbin to sing seven selections which range from the low-down "You Wanna Keep Your Baby Lookin' Right" to Verdi's "Il Trovatore," all of them enjoyable. But the plot (a long-winded piece which seeks to be humorous while determining the legitimacy of the heroine's birth) is strictly boring.

Crossfire (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) takes anti-Semitism as its theme, builds it into a tense, well-acted story about the unprovoked murder of a civilian by a group of soldiers. But because it portrays the intolerance of its principal character as a pathological case, it remains unconvincing. With Robert Ryan and Robert Young.

Garden Theatre

The Trouble with Women (Fri., Sat.) casts Ray Milland as a college professor who writes a book on the opposite sex, has all his truisms disproved by Teresa Wright. Very light comedy.

Repeat Performance (Mon., Tues., Wed.) features Louis Hayward and Joan Leslie in routine drama about the love a woman had for a man and her willingness to kill on his behalf.

Now Orleans (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) is only for lovers of blue and hot jazz as played, respectively, by Woody Herman, Louis Armstrong and their bands. Only the sound track is worthy of attention in this tribute to Basin Street.

The McCarter

This weekend, "The Glass Menagerie," a good play too hurriedly cast. Next (and final) week: Paul Muni in Elmer Rice's drama, "Counselor-at-Law." We regret our inability on numerous occasions to give the slightest advance inkling about the nature and plot of the McCarter's Summer offerings but not one sentence in all the effusive publicity that has been ground out for the past ten weeks has been devoted to such seemingly irrelevant matters. We feel failure to provide the press with such facts is a public-be-damned policy but we're also the first to admit that the box office receipts show the public has enjoyed taking pot luck.

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#### SPORTS IN SHORT

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evening, 6-5. The second game is set for Brokaw Field this Friday at 6.

Monday's affair at Livingston Park was, according to advices reaching here, strictly a melodrama. Tom Brophy took the mound for the visitors and worked creditably, giving up 4 runs in five innings. A long home run that Jim Kopliner hit with two on was instrumental in providing the Tigertown nine with a 6-4 margin at that juncture.

When a walk and a double put runners on second and third with none out, Brophy realized the heat was excessive and decided the time for a relief pitcher had come. So he and his catcher, the versatile Roy Swingler, changed places. In order, the ex-Brown threesport star walked the first man to load the sacks, struck out the second, permitted one run to cross the plate on an infield out and fanned the third to hold the decision.

Nothing will be known about a third game—if Princeton loses the second—or the finals until next week. Monmouth Junction, victor over Walker-Gordon when the milkmen defaulted after losing the opener, is already in the championship round.

On The Upgrade. A year ago bench jockeys were shouting long and loud that there was "no room" for a second professional football league, that the All-America Football Conference would be a flopperoo, that the long-established National Football League would slowly but surely gobble up franchises taken over by Conference playfor-pay standard-bearers. However, within the past fortnight three developments have severely jolted the National League's prestige in the eyes of John Q. Ticket-Buyer.

- (1) The two outstanding figures in the Chicago All-Stars' 16-0 victory over George Halas' "Terrible Bears" were Buddy Young, the dusky Illinois flier, and George Ratterman, the Notre Dame alumnus who heaves trolley wire passes. Young will be with the New York Yankees when the Conference season opens and Ratterman will be quarter-backing.
- (2) Fritz Barzilauskas, Yale's great guard (via Holy Cross) in 1946, was summarily disbarred from playing with the Eastern All-Stars against the New York Giants in the N. Y. Herald Tribune's annual exhibition for the benefit of its Fresh Air Fund. The ruling came from Bert Bell, Commissioner of the National Football League, at the insistence of The Chicago Tribune, promoter of the Chicago All-Star game.

Barzilauskas, who was invited to play in the Chicago classic against the Bears but declined, was declared ineligible by Bell on the ground that *The Chicago Tribune's* contact with the National Football League provides that any league player declining to play in Chicago is barred from any other pre-season exhibition in which a National League team is involved.

(3) The same Commissioner Bell turned down a bid from the All-America Conference to play a post-season game with the National League for the mythical professional diadem. Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, All-America commissioner, suggested turning over the entire proceeds of any such game (estimated at \$250,000) to a worthwhile charity, but Bell, speaking for his senior circuit, simply said: "Not interested, don't play post-season games."

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troublous times apparently need not worry this year, at any rate. The suggestion will require legislative action, and no further meeting of the law-t makers is scheduled for 1947. Even if they did gather to enact such a measure, it would require a public referendum next November and Governor Driscoll has indicated the proposed Constitutional revision should have clear sailing at the polls.

Since the proposal is likely to be shelved for the time being, its introduction appears to have been badly timed, regardless of its intrinsic merits. Colonel Franklin D'Olier, Princeton '98, is chairman of the committee launching the drive, the value of whose aims is difficult to overestimate.

Miscellany. With Housing Authority chairman David L. Lloyd on his way to recovery after a lengthy illness, members of that body are expected to convene under his guidance next week in the looked-for meeting with the veterans' organizations... the list of possible sites to be presented to the Authority is now 12, with its decision to be made known to Township officials immediately thereafter.

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Weather note to vacationers: new heat records have been set on numerous days here this Summer... by & large, it's been one of the most uncomfortable in recent years, possibly because it's still with us.

Four Princetonians are among the 23 arrested by the F.B.I. in connection with looting at the Belle Mead Quartermaster Depot . . . their names and ages were given as Henry Pinter, 28; Michael S. Pinelli, 23; Thomas H. Moran, 44; and Roland L. Furman, 50.

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